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17 In re:

18 PG&E CORPORATION,

19 - and -

20 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC  
21 COMPANY,

22 Debtors.

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- 25  Affects PG&E Corporation
- 26  Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- 27  Affects both Debtors

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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

Bankruptcy Case No. 19-30088 (DM)

Chapter 11

(Lead Case)

(Jointly Administered)

**CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROTECTIVE  
ORDER**

1        This Confidentiality and Protective Order (“**Order**”) shall govern the production, review,  
2 disclosure, and handling of any Discovery Material (as defined herein) by any person or entity (each a  
3 “**Party**” and, collectively, the “**Parties**”) in connection with the above-captioned chapter 11 cases  
4 pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California (the  
5 “**Bankruptcy Court**”), Ch. 11 Case Nos. 19-30088 (DM) and 19-30089 (DM) (collectively, the  
6 “**Chapter 11 Cases**”).

7 **1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS**

8        This Order applies to all discovery in the Chapter 11 Cases and related proceedings, including  
9 informal discovery, discovery under Bankruptcy Rule 2004, and discovery in connection with judicial  
10 or other proceedings, such as contested matters, adversary proceedings and other disputes (each, a  
11 “**Case**,” and collectively, the “**Cases**”). The Parties have sought or may seek certain Discovery Material  
12 (as defined below) from one another with respect to the Chapter 11 Cases (collectively, “**Discovery**  
13 **Requests**”) as provided by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (the “**Federal Rules**”), the Bankruptcy  
14 Rules, and the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the Bankruptcy Court (the “**Local**  
15 **Rules**”). The purpose of this Order is to facilitate and expedite the production, exchange and treatment  
16 of Discovery Material (as defined below) and to protect Discovery Material that a Party seeks to maintain  
17 as confidential. However, the Parties acknowledge that this Order does not entitle them to file  
18 confidential information under seal without further order of the Court; United States District Court for  
19 the Northern District of California Civil Local Rule 79-5 (incorporated into the Local Rules by Rule  
20 1001-2) sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a  
21 Party seeks permission from the Court to file material under seal.

22 **2. DEFINITIONS**

23              2.1     Challenging Party: a Party that challenges the designation of information or items  
24 under this Order.

25              2.2     Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel of Record or House Counsel (as  
26 well as their support staff).

1                   2.3     Designating Party: a Party that designates information or items that it produces  
2 in response to Discovery Requests as “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”,  
3 “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” or “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL.”

4                   2.4     Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the medium or manner  
5 in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, and  
6 tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to Discovery Requests or  
7 provided to industry advisors, financial advisors, accounting advisors, experts and consultants (and their  
8 respective staff) that are retained by the Debtors’ creditors in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases,  
9 including deposition testimony, interrogatories, answers to interrogatories, requests for admission,  
10 responses to requests for admission, documents, information and things produced, including information  
11 provided to the Receiving Party orally, as well as any and all copies, abstracts, digests, notes, summaries,  
12 and excerpts thereof.

13                  2.5     House Counsel: attorneys who are employees or contractors of a Party. House  
14 Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

15                  2.6     Outside Counsel: attorneys who are not employees of a Party but are retained to  
16 represent or advise a Party regarding the Chapter 11 Cases. With respect to the Debtors, and any Official  
17 Committee, Outside Counsel refers to counsel that has been retained by one of the above Parties and  
18 whose retention has been approved by the Court.

19                  With respect to the Ad Hoc Group of Subrogation Claim Holders (the “**Ad Hoc Group**”),  
20 Outside Counsel also shall include attorneys who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to  
21 Be Bound” (Exhibit A), so long as the attorney continues to represent members of the Ad Hoc Group in  
22 such capacity (the “**Subrogation Outside Counsel**”).

23                  2.7     Producing Party: a Party that produces Discovery Material.

24                  2.8     Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services  
25 (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing,  
26 storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

2.9    Protected Material:    any Discovery Material that is designated as “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” or “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL.”

2.10 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Discovery Material directly from the Producing Party.

### 3. SCOPE

This Order applies to all Discovery Material exchanged in or subject to discovery that is produced, formally or informally in response to or in connection with any Discovery Requests in the Cases. Discovery Material produced informally by the Debtors in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases or pursuant to Rule 2004 (unless otherwise agreed by the Debtors) may only be used in the Chapter 11 Cases, including in connection with any contested motions in the Chapter 11 Cases, and may not be used in connection with any adversary proceeding or other litigation. This Order does not affect, amend or modify any existing confidentiality agreements, Committee Bylaws, non-disclosure agreements, intercreditor agreements, protective orders or similar agreements applicable to any Producing Party and/or Receiving Party, and nothing in this Order shall constitute a waiver of any rights under such agreements or orders. Where this Order is in conflict with any existing confidentiality agreements, intercreditor agreements, Committee Bylaws, non-disclosure agreements, protective orders or similar agreements applicable to any Producing Party and/or Receiving Party in connection with the Cases, the provision that provides the most confidentiality protection for Discovery Materials applies.

The protections conferred by this Order cover not only Protected Material, but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material. However, the protections conferred by this Order do not cover the following information: (a) any information that is in the public domain at the time of disclosure to a Receiving Party or becomes part of the public domain after its disclosure to a Receiving Party as a result of publication not involving a violation of this Order, including becoming part of the public record through trial or otherwise; and (b) any information known to the Receiving Party prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving Party after the disclosure from a source who obtained the

1 information lawfully and under no obligation of confidentiality to the Designating Party.

2 This Order does not apply to (a) the California Public Utilities Commission; (b) the state agencies  
3 as defined in California Government Code section 11000 and including the California State University;  
4 (c) the United States of America; (d) the City and County of San Francisco; (e) the City of San José;  
5 (f) Sonoma Clean Power Authority; (g) Valley Clean Energy Alliance; (h) Redwood Coast Energy  
6 Authority; (i) Pioneer Community Energy; (j) Peninsula Clean Energy; (k) CleanPowerSF; (l) Marin  
7 Clean Energy; (m) Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority; (n) East Bay Community Energy Authority;  
8 (o) the Monterey Bay Community Power Authority; (p) the Northern California Power Agency; and (q)  
9 Transmission Agency of Northern California. With respect to the entities in (f)-(o) above (collectively,  
10 the “CCA’s”) and with respect to the entities in (p) and (q) above (collectively, the “JPA’s”), the carve-  
11 out includes each of the governmental unit constituent members of the CCA’s and the JPA’s, solely in  
12 such governmental unit’s capacity as a constituent member of the applicable CCA or JPA.

13 Nothing herein shall prevent or otherwise restrict a Receiving Party from notifying,  
14 confidentially and in good faith, law enforcement or regulatory personnel of a governmental unit of a  
15 potential violation of law revealed by the Discovery Material; provided that such notification shall not  
16 involve the transmission of the Protected Materials themselves.

17 **4. DURATION**

18 Even after Debtors’ emergence from Bankruptcy, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this  
19 Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a Court order  
20 otherwise directs. The Debtors’ emergence from Bankruptcy shall not relieve the Parties from their  
21 responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of Discovery Material pursuant to this Order, and the Court  
22 shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Order.

23 **5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL**

24       **5.1 Manner and Timing of Designations.** Subject to Paragraphs 5.5 and 5.6 and,  
25 except as otherwise provided in this Order, or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Discovery Material  
26 that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is  
27 disclosed or produced. Any Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as “CONFIDENTIAL”,  
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1 "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL", "PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY" or "CONTRACTOR  
2 CONFIDENTIAL" in accordance with the following provisions:

3       5.2     "CONFIDENTIAL" Material. A Producing Party may designate Discovery  
4 Material as "CONFIDENTIAL" if such Producing Party believes in good faith (or with respect to  
5 documents received from another person, has been reasonably advised by such other person) that: (1)  
6 such Discovery Material (a) constitutes or contains nonpublic proprietary or confidential technical,  
7 business, financial, personal or other information of a nature that can be protected under the Bankruptcy  
8 Rules or the Federal Rules or (b) is subject by law or by contract to a legally protected right of privacy;  
9 or (2) the Producing Party (a) is under a preexisting obligation to a third-party to treat such Discovery  
10 Material as confidential or (b) has in good faith been requested by another Party to so designate such  
11 Discovery Material on the grounds that such other Party considers such Discovery Material to contain  
12 information that is confidential or proprietary to such Party.

13       5.3     "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" or "PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY" Material. A  
14 Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" and/or  
15 "PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY" if such Producing Party believes in good faith (or with respect to  
16 documents received from another person, has been reasonably advised by such other person) that such  
17 Discovery Material constitutes or includes "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" and/or "PROFESSIONAL  
18 EYES ONLY" Material that is of such a nature that a risk of competitive injury or a material risk to the  
19 Debtors' development of a plan of reorganization or emergence from Bankruptcy would be created if  
20 such Discovery Material were disclosed to persons other than those identified in Paragraph 7.3 of this  
21 Order, such as trade secrets, sensitive financial, personal or business information, including insurance  
22 policy information, or material prepared by its industry advisors, financial advisors, accounting advisors,  
23 experts or consultants (and their respective staff) that are retained by any Party in connection with these  
24 Chapter 11 Cases, and only to the extent that the Producing Party believes in good faith that such material  
25 is of such a nature that Highly Confidential or Professional Eyes Only treatment is warranted.

26       5.4     "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL" Material.

27       (a)     A Producing Party may designate Discovery Material as "CONTRACTOR  
28 CONFIDENTIAL" if disclosure of such Material to a PG&E contractor would create a substantial risk

1 of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means. "PG&E Contractors" means any  
2 person or entity retained to provide any goods and/or services to PG&E. This designation will also  
3 encompass the following: (1) any information copied or extracted from Contractor Confidential material;  
4 (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Contractor Confidential material; and (3) any  
5 testimony, conversations, or presentations by parties or their Counsel that might reveal Contractor  
6 Confidential material.

7 (b) If a PG&E Contractor is a Producing Party, the PG&E Contractor may redact  
8 sensitive and proprietary information at the time of its initial production, identifying the redaction by  
9 general description (for example, "bidding calculations," or "profit information"). If any Party objects  
10 to the redaction of such information and contends that a particular need exists for production of the  
11 redacted information, the procedures for challenging confidential designations in Paragraph 6 shall apply  
12 to the redaction.

13 5.5 Manner Of Designating Discovery Material. Designation in conformity with this  
14 Order requires:

15 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but excluding  
16 transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix the legend  
17 "CONFIDENTIAL", "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL", "PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY" or  
18 "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL" to each page that contains protected material.

19 (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, such testimony may be  
20 designated as appropriate by: (a) Stating so orally on the record and requesting that the relevant portion(s)  
21 of testimony is so designated; or (b) Providing written notice within seven (7) days of the Party's receipt  
22 of the final transcript from the court reporter that the relevant portion(s) of such transcript or recording  
23 of a deposition thereof is so designated, except in the event that a hearing on related issues is scheduled  
24 to occur within seven (7) days, in which case the foregoing seven (7) day period will be reduced to three  
25 (3) business days. Until expiration of the aforesaid designation period, as applicable, following receipt  
26 of the transcript by the Parties, all deposition transcripts and recordings shall be considered and treated  
27 as Confidential Material unless otherwise designated by counsel to any Party on the record at the  
28 deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings.

1 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other tangible items,  
2 that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which  
3 the information or item is stored the legend “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”,  
4 “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” or “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL.”

5         5.6     Inadvertent Failures to Designate. The failure to designate particular Discovery  
6 Material as “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY” or  
7 “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” at the time of production shall not operate to waive a Producing  
8 Party’s right to later designate such Discovery Material as Protected Material or later apply another  
9 designation pursuant to this Order (“Misdesignated Material”). At such time, arrangement will be made  
10 for the destruction of the Misdesignated Material or for the return to the Producing Party of all copies of  
11 the Misdesignated Material and for the substitution, where appropriate, of properly labeled copies of  
12 such Discovery Material. Upon receipt of replacement copies of such Misdesignated Material with the  
13 proper designation, the Receiving Party or Parties shall promptly take all commercially reasonable steps  
14 to return or destroy all previously produced copies of such Misdesignated Material. If requested by the  
15 Producing Party, a Receiving Party shall verify in writing that it has taken all commercially reasonable  
16 steps to return or destroy such Misdesignated Material. No Party shall be deemed to have violated this  
17 Order if, prior to notification of any later designation, such Discovery Material was disclosed or used in  
18 any manner consistent with its original designation but inconsistent with its later designation. Once such  
19 later designation has been made, however, any Discovery Material shall be treated in accordance with  
20 that later designation; provided, however, that if the material that was not designated has been, at the  
21 time of the later designation, previously publicly filed with a Court, no Party shall be bound by such  
22 later designation except to the extent determined by the Court upon motion of the Party that did not make  
23 the designation.

24         6.     CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

25         6.1     Timing of Challenge to Confidentiality Designations. A Receiving Party shall not  
26 be obliged to challenge the propriety of a confidentiality designation at the time made, and a failure to  
27 do so shall not preclude a subsequent challenge thereto. The failure of any Party to challenge the  
28 designation by a Producing Party of Discovery Materials as “Confidential,” “Highly Confidential,” or

1 “Professional Eyes Only” during the discovery period shall not be a waiver of that Party’s right to object  
2 to the designation at trial.

3           6.2     Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution  
4 process by providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis for  
5 each challenge. To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written notice must  
6 recite that the challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this specific paragraph of  
7 the Order. Within five (5) business days of the date of service of the notice challenging the designation,  
8 the Parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith and must begin the process by conferring  
9 directly. In conferring, the Challenging Party must explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality  
10 designation was not proper and must give the Designating Party an opportunity to review the Protected  
11 Material, to reconsider the circumstances, and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis  
12 for the chosen designation. A Challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of the challenge process  
13 only if it has engaged in this meet and confer process first or establishes that the Designating Party is  
14 unwilling to participate in the meet and confer process in a timely manner.

15           6.3     Judicial Intervention. If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
16 intervention and if either the Challenging Party or the Designating Party wishes to then seek Court  
17 intervention, both the Challenging Party and Designating Party shall submit a joint letter or motion to  
18 the Court, reflecting each party’s position, describing adherence to paragraph 6.2’s “meet and confer”  
19 requirement, and attaching any relevant information (including documents or declarations), within ten  
20 (10) business days after the conclusion of efforts to meet and confer and the indication in writing by  
21 either the Challenging Party or the Designating Party of its intent to seek court intervention. If by joint  
22 motion, the motion shall be set at the first available date on regular notice. The Court expects the parties  
23 to cooperate in the preparation of the joint letter or motion so that each side has adequate time to prepare  
24 its own arguments and address its adversary’s arguments before submission. The burden of persuasion  
25 in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party.

26           All Parties shall continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is  
27 entitled under the Producing Party’s designation until the Court rules on the challenge.

28           7.     ACCESS TO AND USE OF DISCOVERY MATERIAL

1           7.1     Use of Discovery Material. A Receiving Party may use Discovery Material that  
2 is disclosed or produced by another Party solely for the purposes of these Chapter 11 Cases and not for  
3 any other purpose, including any other litigation or judicial proceedings, or any business, competitive,  
4 governmental, commercial, or administrative purpose or function. In the case of use by Official  
5 Committees or Committee Professionals, Protected Material may be used only in a manner consistent  
6 with the Committee's duties and responsibilities. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the  
7 categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the Debtors emerge from  
8 Bankruptcy, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 14 below (FINAL  
9 DISPOSITION).

10           Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a  
11 secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

12           7.2     Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless otherwise  
13 ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose  
14 any information or item designated “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

- 15           (a)     the officers, directors, employees, and Counsel of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is  
16 reasonably necessary for purposes of the Chapter 11 Cases or a Case;
- 17           (b)     where the Receiving Party is an Official Committee, its members, Outside Counsel and its  
18 advisors that are retained by the Official Committee or its Outside Counsel and where necessary  
19 approved by the Court, to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for purposes of the Chapter 11 Cases  
20 or a Case;
- 21           (c)     the Debtors;
- 22           (d)     any Official Committee, including its members, and the Official Committee’s Outside Counsel  
23 to whom the Producing Party has given consent;
- 24           (e)     the U.S. Trustee;
- 25           (f)     any other persons specified in Paragraph 7.3 below.

26           7.3     Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” or “PROFESSIONAL EYES  
27 ONLY” Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the  
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1 Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated "HIGHLY  
2 CONFIDENTIAL" or "PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY" only to:

3 (a) Outside Counsel of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for purposes  
4 of the Chapter 11 Cases or a Case;

5 (b) financial advisors, accounting advisors, experts and consultants (and their respective staff) that  
6 are retained by the Receiving Party (and in the case of the Debtors or any Official Committee, approved  
7 by the Court) in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases who have signed the "Acknowledgment and  
8 Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

9 (c) financial advisors, accounting advisors, experts and consultants (and their respective staff) that  
10 are retained by any Party (and in the case of the Debtors or any Official Committee, approved by the  
11 Court) in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, to whom the Producing Party may consent in writing  
12 and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A).

13 (d) Outside Counsel for the U.S. Trustee;

14 (e) the Bankruptcy Court or any Court to which an appeal of a Case is taken, and their personnel;

15 (f) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional  
16 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for purposes of the Chapter 11 Cases or a Case and  
17 who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

18 (g) for purposes of witness preparation, any deponent or witness who was noticed for a deposition,  
19 or is on a witness list for hearing or trial, in preparation for his or her noticed deposition, hearing, or trial  
20 testimony where such Protected Material is determined by counsel in good faith to be necessary to the  
21 anticipated subject matter of testimony, and that doing so would not cause competitive harm, provided,  
22 however, that such persons (1) sign the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A),  
23 (2) are only provided such Protected Material in connection with preparation for the anticipated  
24 testimony, and (3) shall not be permitted to retain copies of such Protected Material.

25 (h) Deponents and witnesses where counsel has a good faith basis for believing that the witness  
26 would have had knowledge of the contents of the Protected Material in the course of fulfilling his or her  
27 responsibilities or has information that directly bears upon the Protected Material.

1 (i) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other person  
2 who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

3 (j) any adverse witness during the course of a deposition where counsel questioning the witness  
4 reasonably and in good faith believes that questioning the witness regarding the document is necessary  
5 and that doing so would not cause competitive harm and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and  
6 Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A).

7 (k) any other person or entity with respect to whom the Producing Party may consent in writing and  
8 who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A). A request by a  
9 Receiving Party under this Section 7.3(k) must be in writing and reasonably specify the Discovery  
10 Materials that it seeks to disclose, the "person or entity" to which it seeks to disclose this Discovery  
11 Material, and the reason it seeks to disclose these Discovery Materials. The Producing Party shall use  
12 reasonable best efforts to provide a response in three (3) business days, and no later than (5) business  
13 days, from receipt of a written request. If the request is denied, either Party may promptly seek Court  
14 intervention.

15                   7.4     Disclosure of "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items.

16 Unless otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving  
17 Party may disclose any information or item designated "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL" only to  
18 those parties listed in sections 7.2 – 7.3, but may not disclose such information to PG&E contractors or  
19 their advisors.

20                   7.5     Filing or Submitting Protected Material To Court. Without written permission

21 from the Designating Party or a court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a  
22 Party may not file in the public record related to a Case or the Chapter 11 Cases any Protected Material.  
23 A Party that seeks to file any Protected Material with the Court must file under seal in accordance with  
24 the Federal Rules, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and the individual practice rules of the Judge.  
25 Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the  
26 specific Protected Material at issue.

27                   7.6     Use of Protected Material in Open Court. The limitations on disclosure in this

28 Order shall not apply to any Discovery Materials offered or otherwise used by any Party at trial or any

1 hearing held in open court except as provided in this paragraph. As part of any pretrial conference or  
2 any meet and confer regarding the use of exhibits in any evidentiary hearing, and at least 72 hours prior  
3 to the use of any Protected Material at trial or any hearing to be held in open court, counsel for any Party  
4 who desires to offer or use such Protected Material at trial or any hearing to be held in open court shall  
5 meet and confer in good faith with the Producing Party together with any other Parties who have  
6 expressed interest in participating in such meet and confer to discuss ways to redact the Protected  
7 Material so that the material may be offered or otherwise used by any party, in accordance with the  
8 provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules. If the Parties are unable to resolve a dispute  
9 related to such Protected Material, then the Party who desires to offer or use such Protected Material at  
10 trial or any hearing to be held in open court bears the burden of requesting relief from the Court and, in  
11 the absence of such relief, such Protected Material shall not be offered or otherwise used at trial or any  
12 hearing held in open court.

13 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
14 PROCEEDINGS

15 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other proceedings that compels  
16 disclosure of any information or items designated in a Case or these Chapter 11 Cases as  
17 “CONFIDENTIAL”, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”, “PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY”, or  
18 “CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL” that Party must:

- 19 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include a copy of the  
20 subpoena or court order;
- 21 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other  
22 litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Order. Such  
23 notification shall include a copy of this Order; and
- 24 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party  
25 whose Protected Material may be affected.

26 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or  
27 court order shall not produce any Protected Material before a determination by the Court from which the  
28 subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s permission. The

1 Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that Court of its confidential  
2 material – and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving  
3 Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another Court.

4 **9. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

5 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material  
6 to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Order, the Receiving Party must  
7 immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best  
8 efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to  
9 whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or  
10 persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” that is attached hereto as Exhibit  
11 A. Disclosure of Protected Material other than in accordance with the terms of this Order may subject  
12 the disclosing person to such sanctions and remedies as the Court may deem appropriate.

13 **10. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED DISCOVERY MATERIAL**

14 This Order is entered pursuant to Rule 502(d) of the Federal Rules of Evidence. If a Producing  
15 Party produces materials that the Producing Party later discovers to be privileged or subject to other  
16 protection, such as work-product protection, the production of that material shall not be deemed to  
17 constitute the waiver of any applicable privileges or protections. In such circumstances, shortly after  
18 the Producing Party becomes aware that privileged material was produced, it must notify the Receiving  
19 Party and request, at the Producing Party’s election, either the return or the destruction of the produced  
20 material. Immediately after receiving such notification, the Receiving Party shall, as instructed, return  
21 or destroy and confirm destruction of all such produced material, including all copies, notes, and/or  
22 summaries thereof in any Receiving Party work product. The Receiving Party shall not use the contents  
23 of such material for any purpose, including in connection with any effort seeking to compel production  
24 of the produced material. The Receiving Party must take reasonable steps to retrieve the produced  
25 material if the Receiving Party disclosed it before being notified. Such return or destruction and  
26 confirmation of destruction shall not preclude the Receiving Party from seeking to compel production  
27 of the produced material for reasons other than its production or any information about the contents of  
28 the material that was gained due to its production. Moreover, this Order shall not prevent any Party from

1 challenging the designation of such material as privileged or protected and moving to compel production  
2 of allegedly privileged or protected documents. If the Receiving Party becomes aware during the review  
3 of any material that is likely to be privileged or subject to other protection, the Receiving Party shall  
4 immediately notify the Producing Party and sequester the material until the Producing Party has had a  
5 reasonable opportunity to respond.

6 **11. DEPOSITIONS**

7           11.1 Presence Of Persons During Deposition Testimony. Anyone who attends a  
8 deposition is subject to the provisions of this Order with respect to such deposition. When Protected  
9 Material is elicited during a deposition, persons not entitled to receive such information under the terms  
10 of this Order shall, upon request, be excluded from the portion of the deposition so designated.

11           11.2 Responsibilities And Obligations Of Court Reporters. In the event that testimony  
12 is designated as Confidential, Highly Confidential or Professional Eyes Only Material, the court reporter,  
13 who shall first have agreed to abide by the terms of this paragraph, shall be instructed to include on the  
14 cover page of each such transcript the legend, "This transcript portion contains information subject to a  
15 Protective Order and shall be used only in accordance therewith," and each page of the transcript shall  
16 include the legend "CONFIDENTIAL," "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL", "PROFESSIONAL EYES  
17 ONLY" or "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL" as appropriate. If the deposition is recorded, the  
18 recording shall also be subject to the same level of confidentiality as the transcript and include the legend  
19 "CONFIDENTIAL", "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL", "PROFESSIONAL EYES ONLY," or  
20 "CONTRACTOR CONFIDENTIAL" as appropriate, if any portion of the transcript itself is so  
21 designated.

22 **12. PRODUCTION OF CUSTOMER SMART METER DATA**

23           12.1 Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission Decision No. 11-07-056 and  
24 related decisions, utility customer smart meter usage data may only be disclosed after providing affected  
25 customers with seven days notice and an opportunity to object to such disclosure as required by the  
26 Decision. Pursuant to Debtor Pacific Gas and Electric Company's tariff Electric and Gas Rules 9.M and  
27 27, confidential customer information is subject to similar prior notice requirements as applicable to such  
28 customer information. To the extent Debtors produce customer smart meter usage data subject to these

1 rules and tariffs, Debtors shall provide affected customers with appropriate notice prior to production  
2 and appropriate notification to the affected customers as required by the rules and tariffs. Producing  
3 Party and Receiving Party shall comply with all federal and state privacy laws as applicable to customer  
4 data under this Order.

5 13. MISCELLANEOUS

6       13.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to  
7 seek its modification by the Court in the future, including as this Order applies to any particular contested  
8 matter or adversary proceeding.

9       13.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. Nothing in this Order waives any right by a  
10 Party that it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any  
11 ground not addressed in this Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use  
12 in evidence of any of the material covered by this Order.

13       13.3 Continuing Applicability Of Order. The provisions of this Order shall survive the  
14 Debtors' emergence from Bankruptcy for any retained Discovery Material. The Debtors' emergence  
15 from Bankruptcy shall not relieve the Parties from their responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of  
16 Discovery Material pursuant to this Order, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of  
17 this Order.

18       13.4 Amendment Of Order. This Order is subject to modification by this Court upon  
19 good cause shown by any Party. Nothing herein shall preclude a Party from applying at any time  
20 (including, without limitation, after the conclusion of these Chapter 11 proceedings) to the Court for  
21 relief from (including, without limitation termination of) any or all of the provisions of this Order. The  
22 Debtors and the Party seeking to modify or terminate the Order shall meet and confer in good faith to  
23 reach an agreement on any issues in dispute concerning the meaning, application, or interpretation of  
24 this Order prior to any application to the Court for resolution of such dispute. A Producing Party and a  
25 Receiving Party may agree to modify this Order as it applies to a particular production or a particular  
26 proceeding in the Cases with (7) business days prior notice to the Debtors.

27       13.5 Use Of Discovery Material By Producing Party. Nothing in this Order affects the  
28 right of any Producing Party to use or disclose its own Discovery Material in any way. Such disclosure

1 will not waive the protections of this Order and will not otherwise entitle other Parties or their attorneys  
2 to use or disclose such Discovery Material in violation of this Order.

3           13.6 Obligations Of Parties. Nothing herein shall relieve a Party of its obligations  
4 under the Federal Rules, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules, or under any future stipulations and orders,  
5 regarding the production of documents or the making of timely responses to Discovery Requests in  
6 connection with any Dispute or the Chapter 11 Cases.

7           13.7 Advice Of Counsel. Nothing herein shall prevent or otherwise restrict counsel  
8 from rendering advice to their clients in connection with these Chapter 11 proceedings and, in the course  
9 thereof, relying on examination of Protected Material; provided, however, that in rendering such advice  
10 and otherwise communicating with such client, counsel shall not make specific disclosure of any  
11 information in any manner that is inconsistent with the restrictions or procedures set forth herein.

12           13.8 Enforcement. The provisions of this Order constitute an Order of this Court and  
13 violations of the provisions of this Order are subject to enforcement and the imposition of legal sanctions  
14 in the same manner as any other Order of the Court.

15 14. FINAL DISPOSITION

16           Within 90 days after the conclusion of the Debtors' emergence from Bankruptcy, unless  
17 otherwise ordered by the Court, each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing  
18 Party or destroy such material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies,  
19 abstracts, compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
20 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a  
21 written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating  
22 Party) by the 90 day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected  
23 Material that was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any  
24 copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any of the  
25 Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Outside Counsel are entitled to retain an archival  
26 copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda,  
27 correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and  
28 expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. A Receiving Party's obligations

under this paragraph shall not require the destruction or return of Confidential, Highly Confidential or Professional Eyes Only Material by Outside Counsel that is stored on backup storage or in archiving solutions made in accordance with regular data backup procedures for disaster recovery or litigation hold, provided that Outside Counsel maintains the confidentiality thereof in accordance with this Order. If a Receiving Party chooses to take all commercially reasonable steps to destroy, rather than return, documents in accordance with this paragraph, that Receiving Party shall, if requested by the Producing Party, verify such destruction in writing to counsel for the Producing Party. Notwithstanding anything in this paragraph, to the extent that the information in the Discovery Material remains confidential, the terms of this Order shall remain binding.

\*\*END OF ORDER\*\*

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**EXHIBIT A**

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, [print or type full name], of [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Confidentiality and Protective Order that was issued by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California on [date] in *In re PG&E Corp., et al.*, CASE NO. 3:19-bk-30088 (the “Order”). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of the Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to the Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of the Order.

11 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern  
12 District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Confidentiality and Protective Order,  
13 even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of  
\_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address and telephone number] as  
my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to  
enforcement of the Order.

Date:

City and State where sworn and signed:

Printed name:

Signature: